

Old Providence ARP Church

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Dear Friends,



When thinking about what to write for the opening page this month, we ran across what Rev. Bolin had written in 2014 and we thought it was appropriate to print this again.

When we think about love in the month of February, remember the Scriptural definitions:

1 Corinthians 13:¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. **(ESV)**

1 John 3: ¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. **(NIV)**

1 John 4: ⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **(NIV)**

In Christ's love,

The Session

Transition Contact Information

If you need pastoral assistance, please contact any Elder.

Please contact Hedley or Bob, if you know of any Pastor Care Needs (home or hospital visits, calls, etc.).

If you have matters to be considered by the Session, please contact Vice-Moderator, John or Clerk, Matt.

Rev. Harris will serve as the Moderator of the Session during the period the church is without a Pastor.

General Information

The Church Office is typically open each morning, Monday through Friday. The Administrative Assistant will be available to provide information and assistance. See Calendar for holidays and office closings.

Please submit information for the church bulletin by Thursday a.m. each week to the church office:

(540-377-2911 or adminassist@oldprovidencechurch.org)



February 2017 Announcements

Women's Ministry

Our Women's Ministries meets Thursday, February 2nd, at the Church with the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the Bible study at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Fellowship and Youth Group

Little Lambs and Youth Group will not meet on February 5th. Please join us on Sunday, February 19th at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and fun!

Bonclarken Information

The calendar of the 2017 ARP Retreats/Conferences/Camps that Bonclarken is hosting is available at www.bonclarken.org. There is a copy of the calendar posted on the bulletin board at Old Providence Church as well. If you would like Housing Request Forms, please contact the church office.

Community Announcements

Riverheads Weekday Religious Ed Program – 2016-2017 School Year Update: 27 Classes are taught; about 465 students attend Bible this year (94-95% of the school); children attend classes for 40 minutes every other week; they sing, have a Bible lesson, do an activity and end with prayer; the program is non-denominational; it is supported by churches, organizations and individuals; they need a new place to meet when the elementary school moves and the expected cost is \$230,000. If interested, the WRE mailing address is: Riverheads WRE, PO Box 352, Greenville, VA 24440.

February 2017 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 1

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Thursday, February 2

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

Sunday, February 5

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Karleen and Emma

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Carrie

No Children's Fellowship/Youth Group



Wednesday, February 8

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday, February 12

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Laurin and Adam

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karen

12:00 p.m. – Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, February 15

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, February 19

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Lois and Katie

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Dana

5:30 p.m. – Children's Fellowship/Youth Group

Wednesday, February 22

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, February 26

10:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Kay and Vicki

11:00 a.m.. – Worship: Communion Service

No Children's Church

Scheduled Worship Leaders

Mr. Sutton – February 5 to February 19

Rev. Harris – February 26

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 2 – Women's Ministries and Bible Study

Sunday, March 5 – Children's Fellowship and Youth Group

Monday, March 6 – Monday Mid-Day Program resumes

Sunday, March 12 – Daylight Savings Time begins

Saturday, March 18 – VA Presbytery at Johnson Creek Church